



Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe

Aanjibimaadizing Program



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Director
Office of Child Care
330 C ST SW, 4th Floor
Washington, DC 20201

Dear OCC Director:

This letter describes how Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe (MLBO) plans to use the Child Care and Development Funds (CCDF) awarded under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA).

We plan to use CRRSA funds for activities in the following categories:

1. Direct Services/Subsidies

Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe has requested a waiver of parent co-payments for parents receiving child care assistance.

MLBO will also provide direct service payments to Mille Lacs Early Education for staff to assist in operating child care, health and safety supplies, and contracts to support health, safety and quality improvement.

2. Grants or Assistance (Other than Subsidies) to Stabilize Child Care Providers

Grants may be provided to other child care providers, if needed, to assist them to remain operational. Grants of funds to support health, or health and safety supplies may also be given.

3. Assistance to Providers Not Participating in the Subsidy System Prior to the Pandemic Health

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Other:

Construction or re-modeling of facilities is being considered, but this determination has not been made at this time.

MLBO has not yet determined how all CCDF CRRSA funds will be spent. Our timeline for deciding how funds will be spent is as follows: Discussion in March 2021 and plan development by May 2021. MLBO plans to have all funds obligated by 9/30/22.

The Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe will amend our CCDF plan as a result of activities implemented under CRRSA funding not currently described in the plan, within 60 days of implementation.

Sincerely,

/s/

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